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TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS WHO LOVE AND USE WILD PLANTS.

The Spring of 1930 has been very exceptional in many ways. At one time the Peoria weather bureau advised we were over 450 degrees too warm-above the normal-since Jan. 1st. We had April weather in February and late May and early June weather in March. The season is two or three weeks ahead of last year. During the month of May it wasn't so hot, but we had very little more than one-third the normal amount of rainfall. All of these combined have caused the early flowering Wild Plants to mature ahead of the usual time. For example the Dicentras disappeared almost before we knew it. Also the Erythroniums, Claytonias and other early maturing plants had disappeared and the result was we failed to secure the normal amount of the bulbs.

For nearly two weeks Mertensias have been mature, when last year we were unable to begin collecting them until about a week later than this.

We feel our customers should know this and advise them that orders had best be placed early that we may all the better be able to serve them.

We are now shipping Mertensias that are as finely matured as can be.

Of course we will do the best we can for you on later orders, but would not be nearly so sure of filling your orders so completely as where we have your orders earlier. It is better to be safe than sorry.

With this we are inclosing a copy of our Choice Wild Plants issued last Fall. If you have misplaced your copy, it will come in handy. There will likely be no list issued this Summer and the prices hold good in this list until new lists are mailed out.

It would be wise for you to place your orders early, netting a bigger profit to us and being more certain of filling the orders in full for you.

If you wish large quantities of stock and want special quotations, we would be able to quote better prices now than later in the season.

An increasing number of friends are inquiring for SEEDS of Wild Plants, most of which must be collected after orders are received, before the seed matures. Many seeds are maturing early this year. Aquilegia canadensis, Collinsia verna, Delphinium tricornis, Phlox divaricata and a few others have been collected and are being cured, preparing to clean them out.

We are able to secure seed of most all Wild Plants that bear seed, but orders must be received before the seed mature. The seed division is only a side line with us-to accommodate our customers-netting little profit, and we are unable to collect seeds after the crop is ripe and partly gone.

We certainly appreciated your business the past year and are glad to advise you that last Year's business in Wild Plants was the heaviest we have enjoyed. We collected over a million and a half of Wild Plants last year. The amount we send out this year depends on you-our customers and friends. Shall we make this our banner year?

We would be pleased to receive your orders and inquiries early, that we may collect the plants-when it is best and cheapest. I beg to remain,

Always at your Service,  
J. W. Griesemer, Prop.

Hopedale, Illinois,  
June, 5-1930

P.S. The announcement this Spring of my broken health and decision to close out the general nurseries, was taken by many of our Wild Plant patrons to mean that the Wild Plant business would also be discontinued. It is my intention to continue in Wild Plants, as long as the Lord permits me to do it, and with relief from strain of the general nurseries, I am hoping this will be many more years.

J. W. Griesemer.

